

Media diversity in a Democracy

Dear Sirs/Madams, I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial

Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I am an American living overseas and the more I hear about the proposed changes, the more aghast I am. Living in Iceland, I have more access to a variety of viewpoints, well-reported and fairly disseminated than anything I ever had in the 42 years of living in the United States. And now I hear that the proposed changes will guarantee even less diversity, and more corporate conglomeration, a veritable monopoly of information and information resources being created than before? It is amazing. This action must be stopped. Americans deserve to hear from a variety of people, on a variety of different issues and different owners of media than they have now, and preventing these changes from further monopolizing the airwaves is an important beginning. Please, respect the notion that democracy cannot fully exist if all the information we the citizens receive is dominated by an ever decreasing number of media owners. In fact, such is no democracy at all.

Most respectfully yours,

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